

19. (Amended) A host cell expressing the DNA molecule within the vector of claim

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20. (Twice Amended) A transgenic seed coat cell expressing a gene of interest under control of a regulatory region, wherein the gene of interest and regulatory region are contained within the vector of claim 16.

21. (Amended) A host cell expressing the DNA molecule within the vector of claim

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22. (Twice Amended) A transgenic seed coat cell expressing the DNA molecule within the vector of claim 18.

**Cancel claims 34 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Add new claims 38 and 39 as follows:**

38. (New) A method of selecting a soybean plant having a deletion in a peroxidase gene, which method comprises the steps of:

- a) preparing genomic DNA, or cDNA from a plant;
- b) fragmenting the genomic DNA or cDNA to produce DNA fragments;
- c) separating the DNA fragments;

- d) hybridizing the fragments with a labelled nucleotide sequence, where the nucleotide sequence is the isolated DNA molecule defined in claim 32, to produce a hybridization pattern; and
  - e) determining whether the hybridization pattern is representative of an EpEp genotype or a genotype of a soybean plant having a deletion in a peroxidase gene.
39. (New) A method of selecting a soybean plant having a deletion in a peroxidase gene, which method comprises the steps of:
- a) preparing genomic DNA, or cDNA from a plant;
  - b) fragmenting the genomic DNA or cDNA to produce DNA fragments;
  - c) amplifying the DNA fragments using at least one primer, the at least one primer comprising the isolated DNA molecule defined in claim 32 to produce an amplified product; and
  - e) determining whether the amplified product is representative of an EpEp genotype or a genotype of a soybean plant having a deletion in a peroxidase gene.

#### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correspond to the description of the drawings to the labeling on the formal drawing submitted herewith.